

HOUSE BILL 1260

By Tindell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 15; Title 37, Chapter 1; Title 39, Chapter 15 and Title 40, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to jurisdiction over prosecutions of child abuse and neglect cases.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-103(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) and renumbering existing subdivisions accordingly.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(2) Jurisdiction for prosecutions of a violation of this section shall be exclusively in a court of general sessions as provided in § 40-1-109 or circuit or criminal court as provided in § 40-1-108.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.